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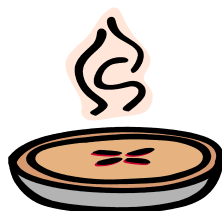
## DINNER WITH THE BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

We have been fortunate enough to have recruited the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Reverend Christopher Foster to support our fundraising Evening Dinner event on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013. He has agreed to be one of our after dinner speakers! The Bishop will be followed by the Reverend Canon Graham Morris who will provide some amusing anecdotes to the evening's proceedings. David Ouston, the IW Street Pastors Co-ordinator will also be joining us and bringing along his Olympic Torch, which he carried during the Isle of Wight leg of

its journey around Britain.

This will give guests the opportunity to have an up close look at the torch.

This event is not to be missed and tickets are selling like **'hot pies on a cold day'**



So be sure to get your tickets now by contacting our Secretary, Gordon Pollard on 01983 866546 or by email to [gordonpollard@bt.com](mailto:gordonpollard@bt.com)

Tickets cost £18 each and the venue is at Shanklin Conservative Club, Shanklin – the ticket price includes a two course menu (7pm for 7:30pm) dress code: smart casual.

We are expecting a run on tickets as soon as the 'seasonal festivities' are over; so please book early to avoid disappointment – places are limited to 75 people.



### IN THE PIPELINE



Our fundraising events for 2013 are shaping up as follows:

February 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Dinner with the Bishop of Portsmouth

March 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Railway Film Night

April 25<sup>th</sup> -  
Spring Quiz

May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> -  
24 hour Music Festival

Other possibilities include:-

A Healing Festival  
A concert by the IW Community Choir

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted to the Annual General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 was for the period 1st July 2011 to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012. This showed that our income during that period, from membership subscriptions, donations and fund raising came to £2,294.

Our bank balance as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 stood at £1,003 so our total at this date was £3,297. Expenditure during this period was £106 for fundraising - £1,655 towards paying for the solar panels and £1000 loan repayment for the Church Tower Restoration Fund.

Therefore, our balance as at the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was £536.

The Treasurer was pleased to announce that since the formation of the 'Friends' in 2009 – we have helped raise £32,555 for the upkeep of St. Catherine's Church.

### FUNDRAISING 2012

#### Event

Dec 2011 - Carol singing  
Feb - Winter Quiz Night  
May - Bridge Tournament  
Jul - Going for a Song  
Aug - Summer Quiz Night  
Sep - Concert for 2 piano's  
Sep - The Big Sound  
Nov - Bonchurch Singers  
Nov - Stall at Church Xmas Fair  
Collecting boxes

#### Organiser/s

Rev. Canon Graham Morris  
Gordon Pollard  
Gordon Pollard and Ann Daly  
Richard Dickson and Rex Gully  
Gordon Pollard  
Michelle Brock and Richard Wilkins  
Jenny Hopkins-Holder  
(Donation)  
Jill Lock and Ann Daly  
Ann Radcliffe

#### Funds raised

£ 87  
£121  
£184  
£166  
£147  
£572  
£225  
£105  
£209  
£ 19

**Total £1835**





## CLUB 52

The Chairman announced in his Chairman's Report for 2011-12 to the AGM back in June – that he intended to introduce another level of subscription to the 'Friends' subscription choice, namely a 'Club 52' level.

This will allow members of the 'Friends' the opportunity to support the work that we do on a regular smaller contribution basis spread over the 52 weeks of the year rather than just paying a one off membership fee at the beginning of the year (just after the expense of the Christmas and New Year festivities). The Chairman said, 'that he had put his money where his good intentions were by setting up a standing order with his bank to pay FOSCAT's £1 a week'.

This means that he pays a total membership of £52 a year but because of the small weekly contribution he doesn't really miss it.

He said that, 'a quality Sunday newspaper costs over a £1 these days but he would rather give that up and put £1 a week to maintain and progress the future of St. Catherine's Church than *read a lot of other people's opinions on the world* before placing them in the recycling bin. If you are currently a member who pays single or family membership I would ask you to have a think about joining us at Club 52 (if you feel that you can afford to do this).

Club 52 already has 13 members from our total membership figure of 55 people

who have changed over to this new membership level (some of whom are paying £4 per month, as not all banks have the weekly standing order option). The Chairman feels that if we managed to get 50 of our members to swap to this form of membership it would guarantee an annual income to the 'Friends' of £2,600 – which would relieve a lot of the pressure on our small dedicated group of Committee member fundraisers, who have to keep coming up with ideas to raise funds in order to meet our loan commitments.

They would then be able to concentrate on Phase III 'the Community Garden project' which would then be achieved that much more quickly.

We are very grateful for the financial support of all our members and would not be able to function without their continued support. We hope that they continue their membership in the manner that best suits their finances - we are merely adding a new dimension to our existing membership arrangements that will enhance our ability to achieve our aims for St. Catherine's Church.

In turn this will provide the community with a central point to meet and enjoy the facilities that the Church has to offer.

The 'Friends' have asked for existing members and committee members from other Local Community Groups to join our Committee in order that we can spread the load of fundraising but we have had no volunteers to date.

We understand that our members lead busy lives and cannot always spare the

time to join committees (even if they are willing to support our fundraising events and continue their annual memberships - which is greatly appreciated).

The Chairman of the 'Friends' sees the same dozen people putting in lots of their own time and effort to raise funds time after time and feels that this fantastic effort should be highlighted to our membership.

Club 52 is his way of trying to redress the balance a little ways and requests that anyone who feels able to switch to this membership level, please do so, as it will give us a sound annual financial footing while lifting the spirits of the existing Committee by giving them what is akin to '*a vote of confidence*' from the membership for their continued efforts.

**Please remember -**

If you haven't already done so - please ask the Secretary to confirm that you have registered your subscription to Gift Aid – as this increases the value of your membership by making the Chancellor pay back tax to the 'Friends' on your donation.



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## FRIENDS WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

During 2012 we were lucky enough to acquire the services of a new Committee member, Malcolm Young. He is adept at understanding the ins and outs of setting up and running a web page.

This has enabled the 'Friends' to have their own web page – which you can find at:

<http://www.foscat.btck.co.uk/>

This gives you all the latest news from the 'Friends' including access to our first two newsletters and our forthcoming fundraising events.

It also gives you links to other sites such as the 'Friends' Facebook page, St. Catherine's Church website - as well as

Pure Green Energy Ltd. and the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust sites, so we really have caught up with the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Please visit our website or Facebook page and let us know what you think - we would like this to be an interactive tool that allows the 'Friends' membership to use it as a social media outlet and help the Committee by suggesting new fundraising ideas or commenting on events that they have attended.



## PUBLICITY OFFICER

In addition to Malcolm we have also welcomed Evelyn Knowles to the Committee this year.

Evelyn has agreed to act as our Publicity Officer and brings with her a wealth of media experience.

This means that the organisers of any of our fundraising events can liaise with Evelyn for all their publicity requirements allowing them to concentrate on organising their event. This has been invaluable to an already overstretched Committee and Evelyn's input was immediately felt by the excellent attendances

that we had at some of our fundraising events held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

Our thanks go to both Malcolm and Evelyn for raising the awareness of the efforts of the 'Friends'.

It really has highlighted how; by gaining the help of a few non-congregational members to the Committee, just what a big difference it can make to the running of the 'Friends'. We really hope that we can welcome some more people (congregational or otherwise) onto the Committee during 2013!



## SOLAR PANELS - A SHINING SUCCESS

Despite the inclemency of the British weather – the Church solar panels have performed well over the 1<sup>st</sup> year of their installation and the performance translates thus:-

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>kWh generated</u>	<u>Generation payment</u>
December 2011 to March 2012	423	£189
March 2012 to June 2012	1088	£505
June 2012 to September 2012	1304	£613
September 2012 to December 2012	<u>483</u>	<u>£227</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3298 kWh</b>	<b>£1534</b>



Some of the generation payments will be used to pay back the P.C.C. loan of £2553 (given to the 'Friends' as part of the £12,664 needed to install the solar panels) and some of it will be used to pay back the £10,000 loan from the Portsmouth Diocese for the remaining installation costs.

We have already paid back £1,577.14p to Portsmouth Diocese (which includes two lots of interest payments at 5%).

The panels have also reduced the amount of electricity used by the Church direct from the National Grid which has in turn saved them money on heating and lighting costs.

If any members of the 'Friends' or St. Catherine's congregation are considering having solar panels fitted to their own homes in 2013 - then please do not forget that Pure Green Energy have offered to donate £100 to the 'Friends' for any installation carried out by them following introductions made through the 'Friends' or the Church.

So, please remember to tell them and a member of the 'Friends' Committee, if you choose to use them as your installer.

Pure Green Energy Ltd. contact details are:-

Pure Green Energy Ltd.

Tel: 01983 565017

Asheybrooke Buildings,

E mail: [info@puregreenenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@puregreenenergy.co.uk)

East Ashey Lane,

Ryde,

Isle of Wight

PO33 4AT

This information can also be found on the 'Friends' website:

<http://www.foscat.btck.co.uk/>

## HANDBAGS AND GLADNESS

It is very right and proper that we give credit to the continuing efforts of Jill Lock to ride on the wave of her successful Fashion Show in September 2011 (which raised £727).

By selling 'nearly new' handbags from her hairdressing salon in Spring Hill, on an ongoing basis since that event, she has raised over £1000. At just about every

Committee meeting that Jill attended in 2012, she brought along further proceeds from these sales for the Treasurer to bank:

Jan - £99

Apr - £45

May - £152 (this brought Jill over her £1000 target by £23)

Jun - £56

Jul - £87

Aug - £17

Nov - £31

£487

£727

£1214 with Fashion show Event added

Jill intends to continue with these sales during 2013 but is running low on stock - so if you are having a post-Christmas clearout and you have any 'hardly used handbags' that Jill could sell on; then please deliver them to Salon 442, Spring Hill, Ventnor **or** St. Catherine's Church, Church Street, Ventnor.

We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Jill and all those who donated handbags for making this such a successful form of income for the 'Friends'!



## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES

Repayment of the very generous 'interest free' loan from the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust has continued throughout the year.

£2000 has now been paid back against the loan of £5000 given to the restoration of the Church Tower fund.

The Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust also matched this with a donation of £5000 towards the restoration of the Church Tower.

Coupled with the interest free loan this made a whopping £10,000 and enabled the 'Friends' to achieve their target of £30,000 towards the total cost.

It meant that the restoration could go ahead on time and with enough money to complete the work.

This was something that we thought was going to be a lot harder and take a lot longer at the time.

We can't thank the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust enough for helping us to get across the finish line ahead of time!

If you would like to support the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust their address is:-

The Honorary Secretary, Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust, c/o Hampshire Record Office, Sussex Street, Winchester SO23 8TH

Email: [sec@hihct.org.uk](mailto:sec@hihct.org.uk) (or follow the link to their website via the 'Friends' website page <http://www.foscat.btck.co.uk/>)

## AGM DATE SET

The date for the next Annual General

Meeting of the Friends of St. Catherine's Church has been set for 27th June 2013 at 7.30pm.





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Ventnor  
Isle of Wight  
PO38 1NR

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**Tel:** 01983 866546

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## Current Committee

President : **Currently Vacant**  
Patron : Richard Dickson  
Chairman: Rob Reed  
Secretary: Gordon Pollard  
Treasurer: Ann Daly  
Vice Chairman: **Currently Vacant**  
Publicity Officer: Evelyn Knowles  
Webmaster : Malcolm Young  
Members: Jill Lock  
Ken Lock  
David Tamcken  
Dawn Wood  
Jenny Hopkins Holder

Collection box  
Administrator: Ann Radcliffe

We would like some new Committee members from local community groups, who already or may in the future benefit from the new facilities that St. Catherine's Church has to offer.

***Come and join us!***

## TO JOIN OR TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

We warmly invite all who share in our vision for St Catherine's to join the Friends.

Many people who joined the Friends of St Catherine's Church during its first year have already renewed their subscription for 2010-11.

We very much appreciate this and invite those who wish to join or renew their membership to complete the form below:-

I/we wish to pay £ .....\*\*

Name .....

Address .....

E-mail .....

Tel. No. ....

Single membership £10 p.a.

Family membership £20 p.a.

Group membership £20 p.a.

Club 52 (£1 a week or £4 a month) = £52 p.a.

\*\* If you wish to pay by standing order and require a form for your bank please tick here ...

Please return this form to: The Secretary, FOSCAT, 28 Wilton Road, Shanklin, PO37 7BZ

## CHAIRMAN'S THANKS

I would like to thank Martin Rayner and Alan Walker (who both resigned from the Committee this year, for personal reasons) for the help and support that they gave during their time with us on the Committee and wish them both all the very best for the future.

I would also like to thank Duncan Radcliffe for the very generous offer of his artwork for any raffle event that we hold to raise funds.

Indeed, I thank all those people who have organised, taken part in or supported our events throughout 2012.

Finally, I would like to welcome to Ventnor the I.W. Street Pastors who have started their work on the streets of the Town and wish them every success for the future.

This was my aim when I became involved in supporting the set up of Street Pastors on the Island during my employment as Ventnor Town Manager.

I am really pleased to see this come to fruition.



## The Hub

at St. Catherine's Church is open:-

**Monday to Saturday**

**10.30 am to 1.00 pm**

for the public to come and enjoy tea, coffee and light refreshments.

Pop in for a drink and a chat.



The Hub is currently collecting plastic milk container tops (*any colour, as long as they are marked with the recycling sign on the inside of the top*) for the

**Earl Mountbatten Hospice**

All contributions to this worthy cause are gratefully accepted so please do bring them along.



**Isle of Wight Hospice**  
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To contact **The Hub** Tel. 01983 857795